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Sept. 14 with full
remote learning

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Schools return-to-school plan was shared with the HPS Community last Friday, August 14. It reflects our careful planning efforts, with recognition that we must regularly review and adapt our plan based on new guidance and feedback

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Mall reduces
hours due to
valued feedback

HOLYOKE – Effective Tuesday, August 25, 2020, Holyoke Mall will operate under new hours of operation based on valued feedback and input received from both tenants and guests:

Monday – Saturday:
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Guests are reminded that restaurant venues and department stores may continue to offer extended shopping hours and are encouraged to call ahead

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Free Internet
available for
online classes

HOLYOKE – We are excited to partner with Comcast Internet Essentials to sponsor free internet access for the school year for all families who do not currently have internet access.

HPS families who are interested should call our hotline at 413-561-0862 (English) or 413-314-3560 (Spanish) to get a promotional code on Monday - Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on or before Oct. 1. A district representative will provide a code; if you need to leave a message, we will call you back with a code.

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Three vie for open state
representative seat

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HOLYOKE – It appears on Sept. 1, a big day for Holyokers, a presumptive new state representative will be named.

Aaron Vega, a Holyoke Democrat, is not seeking re-election after serving four terms in the state house. He will now be likely succeeded by one of three Democrats running for his seat, which represents Holyoke in the Fifth Hampden District.

City Councillor David Bartley, Patrick Beaudry, and Vega's legislative aide, Patricia Duffy are running for the seat.

All three will face off in the state primary on Tuesday and barring a strong write-in campaign from one of the losing candidates, or another

unknown candidate, the winner Tuesday will head to the November election unopposed, and then head to Beacon Hill in January.

Holyoke's state representative takes on the task of representing a city that has had a rough time. The COVID-19 outbreak at the Holyoke Soldiers Home and the schools remaining in receivership are among the issues currently happening in the city. The Soldiers Home, a state-run facility, has been in the news more so because of the great need for a new facility and changes in leadership.

Beaudry has not run for political office himself. He is the manager of public affairs for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. He



David Bartley



Patrick Beaudry



Patricia Duffy

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Debate shows aggressive
race between Morse, Neal

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SPRINGFIELD – In a showing of how ugly a primary race has gotten, Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse faced off against U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts, in a debate broadcast on NBC last Thursday night.

The moderator in the debate did not pull any punches, attacking many of the prominent issues that have been in the media during the past several weeks.

In that period of time, Morse has viciously attacked Neal's "Washington high-life" and stated that the high-ranking representative is funded by too many corporate donors and is out of touch with the needs of his district.

Neal has countered, alleging Morse has a poor record as a School Committee chair in Holyoke, and lacks progression in many aspects as mayor of the city for the past nine years.

Neal also spoke openly and directly in this debate



Alex Morse



Richard Neal

and one held last Monday about the allegations that his campaign tried to sabotage Morse's candidacy by leaking a letter from College Democrats of Massachusetts that state Morse was involved in sexual relationships with male students at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. At the time, Morse was a part-time lecturer at the school.

Neal categorically denied he or his campaign had anything to do with the story leaking just three weeks from the primary, while Morse countered simply by saying the timing was suspect, but could not offer any other proof beyond the timing and a rumor of a particular individual trying to curry favor from Neal's camp.

That question led off the debate, and from there, the two candidates sparred hard on several issues, including a battle over the CARES act and the fact Morse opposed it.

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City returns to moderate risk after being labeled high-risk

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HOLYOKE – Holyoke's Director of Health, Sean Gonsalves contacted city officials to inform them of Holyoke entering the red designation for COVID in Massachusetts on Aug. 13. Holyoke was one of nine communities that entered the highest risk category. Gonsalves reached out to officials to inform them of ways to lower risks and improve health and safety.

"The Board of Health has been formulating a plan to address several areas that we feel will most effectively reduce our case counts in Holyoke," Gonsalves stated in an email.

He continues to address two separate and isolated clusters at long-term care facilities that may have pushed the town to the high-risk status. On was the Holyoke Soldiers Home. After having an outbreak of 11 people in July, residents and staff members were retested and received positive testing as they had months before. Gonsalves says according to the current DPH and CDC guidance, those



people should not have been retested.

After a first positive test a person can test positive for eight weeks or more, without continuing to be contagious.

Another group involved 45 staff members and residents of another care facility, the DPH and Epidemiologist's Office will be managing this group. The Division of Epidemiology and Immunization is a part of the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences Massachusetts Department of

Health. Between the two separate groups, there were 50 cases within a 14-day reporting period. These numbers are sufficient enough to put Holyoke in the high-risk category. The Board of Health responded to this designation change by adjusting response efforts, incorporating new State resources, and focusing on several individual area to reduce case counts.

These initiatives included opening two "Stop the Spread" test sites in Holyoke, the sites were provided and operated by

the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Fallon Ambulance. They operated free testing sites and did both open drive-through and walk-in's in two areas of the city to maximize the access to people. Another initiative was working with local restaurants, especially ones that serve alcohol, to see improvements in compliance with governor's orders.

The Holyoke Mall was a focused area due to it being a large facility with various visitors, the Mall has been a willing partner in enforcement efforts and they will expand mask compliance enforcement in the mall. The Board of Health came up with six initiatives to help reduce their cases.

On Aug. 20, Gonsalves contacted city officials to inform them of the city returning to the yellow designation, the moderate risk category.

"As I have stated in some communications and to multiple news organizations, I do not feel like concern levels about COVID should fluctuate week-to-week based on very specific

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Virtual 5K to benefit Soldier On starting on Sept. 28

REGION – Due to the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Dynamics Soldier On Golf Tournament Committee has decided to postpone the 10th Annual Golf Tournament until the summer of 2021. This was a difficult decision, but necessary as we greatly value our loyal sponsors, players, volunteers, and community as a whole. It was a risk too great to take.

That said, General Dynamics Soldier On Golf Tournament Committee has shown an overwhelming recommitment to the cause of wanting to support Soldier On.

Starting on Monday, September 28 through Sunday, October 4, General

Dynamics Mission Systems – Pittsfield, is hosting the Soldier On Virtual 5K! You are invited to register for the 5K Run/Walk/Jog, the September Cash Calendar, the Soldier On Jacket OR YETI Tumbler, or to bundle all three! To bundle make sure to click here.

Last year’s golf tournament raised over \$59,000 for Soldier On, which was only possible with your participation and generosity! The funds raised will go toward ending veteran homelessness in the Berkshires and beyond. Soldier On significantly contributes to the improvement of the community and all proceeds from the event will directly benefit veterans who have served our country.

Additional 5K Registration details:
5K participants will have the option to register for one of the categories below and will have the whole week to run/walk/jog the event on their own time.

Participants will be required to register and use the JustMove app to compete, as this tool will track your time, distance, and placement.

5K Categories include the following:
Men’s/Women’s Race: First place winners will be ranked based on best times as recorded by the JustMove app and will receive a prize.

Teams Race: Teams must consist of 4 participants. Times identified in the JustMove app will be combined after the

final race day is complete and the First Place Team will receive a prize.

Just For Fun Race: This option is for those not looking to compete, but rather participate in the 5K for fun. A prize for this race type will be given out at random.

Please visit the SO5K Facebook Page and help us share this wonderful event for an even greater cause. We will be providing additional event information on our Facebook Page such as the Dine to Donate program, swag pictures, jacket sizes, fun routes in the Berkshires, and more. We hope you tag us in your race pictures!

Questions? Contact us. For registration, call Nick Bourdon (413) 464-3063.

Mail-in ballots due by Sept. 1

REGION – The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court today reaffirmed the deadline set by the Legislature for voters to return their State Primary ballots and have them counted. All primary ballots must reach the appropriate local election office no later than 8 p.m. on Sept. 1 in order to be counted.

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin is reminding voters that the best way to ensure that their ballots are counted is to hand-deliver them

to their local election office, a drop box in their town, or to an early voting location during voting hours.

“I appreciate that the Court recognized the complexity of the election schedule,” Galvin said in reaction to today’s ruling. “This will allow my office to begin preparing November ballots immediately after the primary results are in, so that voters will have plenty of time to receive and return their ballots before Election Day.”

In order to assist voters in returning their ballots, Galvin’s office has compiled a listing of ballot return locations by city and town, which may be found at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. A listing of early voting locations, which are open through this Friday and which also serve as ballot drop-off locations, may be found at www.MassEarlyVote.com.

Galvin is also encouraging local election officials in cities and towns without 24-hour drop boxes to make arrangements to allow voters to return their ballots in person over the weekend. Voters may contact their local election officials for more information.



Voting information for state primary

HOLYOKE – The following is the locations for voting for the Sept. 1 primary with more voting information below.

WARD ONE
Precinct A – Rosary Towers, 24 Bowers St.

WARD TWO
Precinct A – Morgan School Gym
Precinct B – Falcetti Towers, 475 Maple St.

WARD THREE
Precinct B – Metcalf School, 2019 Northampton St.

WARD FOUR
Precinct A – St. Paul’s Church Parish, 485 Appleton St.
Precinct B – St. Paul’s Church Parish, 485 Appleton St.

WARD FIVE
Precinct A – Lt. Elmer J. McMahon School Gym
Precinct B – Maurice A. Donahue School Gym

WARD SIX
Precinct A – Sullivan School
Precinct B – Sullivan School

WARD SEVEN
Precinct A – E. N. White School, 1 Jefferson St.

Precinct B – E. N. White School, 1 Jefferson St.

City Hall now has an official ballot dropbox. The dropbox is located in the back parking lot behind City Hall next to the entrance. You are welcome to put all ballots or applications in the secure box. It will be checked multiple times through the day.

All voters are eligible to vote from home during the pandemic.

Early Voting in person will also be available for the Primary Election on September 1, 2020 (early voting from August 22, 2020 through August 28, 2020) and for the General Election on November 3, 2020 (October 17, 2020 through October 30, 2020). More information will be available on early voting in the coming weeks and posted here.

WARD 1B AND 3A VOTERS –
Your polling location has changed for the Primary and General Elections on September 1, 2020 and November 3, 2020.

1B voters will be voting at City Hall, 536 Dwight St.

3A voters will be voting at Metcalf School 2019 Northampton St.

Stabilization grants available for nonprofits financially impacted by COVID-19

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has announced its next stage of its COVID-19 response effort in the Pioneer Valley, launching stabilization grants for nonprofits that have been financially impacted by the pandemic. With these new stabilization grants, the Foundation is also committing to a multi-year approach to focus on the resilience, re-envisioning and rebuilding of nonprofits in the region.

Applications for are currently being accepted, and the deadline for applications

is Sept. 1. Maximum grant awards will be \$50,000 and will provide for up to six months of operation.

Organizations with various missions and target populations will be eligible to apply for Stabilization Grants, though organizations that serve the most vulnerable populations in the region, work to advance equity and opportunity and have deep roots in the community will be prioritized.

In the coming months, CFWM will provide workshops and trainings to assist

nonprofits as they evolve to remain active and viable during and post COVID-19.

The Foundation will also commit a portion of funding to support organizations whose missions align with the CFWM’s strategic priorities for the coming years: A strong start for all children through high-quality early education and care; accessible and more affordable post-secondary education and training, providing pathways to completion and employment; and a vibrant local arts and creativity ecosystem to support self-ex-

pression, economic vitality, and connection.

The grants serve as a next phase to CFWM’s COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley, which to date has awarded more than \$6 million in grants to nonprofits in Western Massachusetts that are on the front lines of serving vulnerable populations affected by the crisis.

To learn more about CFWM’s Stabilization Grants and to apply, visit <http://communityfoundation.org/covid-funding-application/>.

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Westfield State offering virtual session set for accounting program

WESTFIELD — The College of Graduate and Continuing Education (CGCE) at Westfield State University will host a virtual information session for the Master of Science in accounting (MSA) program at 6 p.m. Sept. 29 via Zoom.

The graduate program is designed to foster leadership skills and prepare students for successful careers in public and private accounting. It allows students to complete the additional 30-credit hours necessary to fulfill the educational requirements for the Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) license in Massachusetts and several other states.

The program offers a foundation curriculum for students who have a business background but lack the necessary coursework in accounting, to complete a series of pre-requisite courses as part of the master’s program. This curriculum can be completed entirely online with courses offered on a rotating basis (students can also take courses in person). The advanced curriculum is for students with an undergraduate major or concentration in accounting. It is comprised of 10 courses (the majority are offered in a hybrid format and certain courses are 100 per-

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Tapestry returns with more COVID testing

AGAWAM - Tapestry will be providing additional COVID-19 testing in Agawam to support Governor Baker’s Stop the Spread testing initiative. “This is a critical time to ramp up testing in order to contain the virus and hopefully avoid the secondary surges that have happened in other states,” said Cheryl Zoll, Tapestry CEO.

Testing will be drive-through, free, and available for both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals. Testing will be done via a self-administered nasal swab and results will be available within 48 hours. Appointments and pre-registration are encouraged, but walk-ins will not be turned away if there is capacity. Please call (413) 364-2149 for scheduling. More information available at tapestryhealth.org or mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread

Where: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01001

When: Testing will be offered from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on dates listed below

- Tuesday, Sept. 1
- Thursday, Sept. 3
- Tuesday, Sept. 8
- Thursday, Sept. 10



Holyoke Community College will host free COVID-19 testing for the next two weeks. File photo

‘Stop the Spread’ COVID-19 testing site beginning Aug. 26 at HCC

HOLYOKE — To assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Holyoke in reducing the spread of COVID-19, Holyoke Community College will serve as a “Stop the Spread” drive-through testing site offering free tests to the public.

Tests will be conducted outside HCC’s Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation and administered by Fallon Ambulance in partnership with the Holyoke Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Testing will be available Wednesday, August 26, through September 12, 2020, during the following hours:

- Monday 7-11 a.m.
- Tuesday 2-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, 7-11 a.m.
- Thursday 2-7 p.m.
- Friday 7-11 a.m.
- Saturday 7-11 a.m.

Testing will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are no appointments. There is no cost for the tests and no referral is required.

Signs and HCC and Holyoke city Police officers will direct drivers from Homestead Ave down to M Lot (adjacent the Bartley Center), where in-car tests will be administered. Cars will leave M Lot, pass through N Lot, and exit onto the campus road and out onto Homestead Avenue.

Turnaround time for test results is typically four days or fewer.

For more information, please go to: www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread.

West of the River Chamber of Commerce to offer virtual job fairs beginning on Sept. 22

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AGAWAM – The West of the River Chamber of Commerce typically holds a job fair annually and has various fairs throughout in the year. But this year brings challenges and things will be held a bit differently. Due to the COVID pandemic the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Virtual Job Fair instead.

The Chamber of Commerce had held a virtual job fair during a recent storm, so while 50 to 60 people were able to connect and attend the Chamber of Commerce is expecting 300 to 400 more locals to attend the next two fairs being planned.

They’re planning to do two virtual job fairs in September, the first one will be on the Sept. 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Though it is virtual, it will be similar to the regular job fairs that the Chamber of Commerce holds. They have an event for the fair created on Facebook, where vendors and attendees can register, additionally both vendors and attendees can register on their website.

Vendors who register will be required to pay a small fee, though attendees can register at no cost. The Chamber of Commerce is advertising this event on Twitter, Instagram, and through their newsletters to those who are subscribed. They are additionally advertising through print and their website, as they are trying to cover all bases to reach as many people as possible. Local businesses throughout Western Massachusetts area will be invited to attend and look for potential employees. The Chamber of Commerce provides them a platform to connect with possible employees, and the candidates and employers have a chance to meet and speak about the job like a typical job fair.

Executive Director Robin Wozniak explained that one of the goals of the Chamber of Commerce is to help locals find jobs, especially with the disruption of COVID.

“It’s important for us to help people get jobs, and it’s important to help local businesses connect with local people,” Wozniak said. “It’s a goal of the Chamber and we intend and keeping up on this goal.” Wozniak explained that businesses like to hire locally because those employees tend to be more reliable to the business.

Vendors will log into the event early and then attendees will log in on time. After five minutes to allow everyone to join, the fair will begin. Each vendor will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and their business, after each vendor introduces themselves, they will be put in “break off” rooms. Attendees can pick which business they want to sit down with and will be sent to that room, each attendee will have a one on one meeting with the vendors, where a typical interview will be held. If an attendee wants to visit another room and business, they can request it and they will be sent to that room’s waiting area.

The Chamber has gotten some feedback from the vendors involved in the first virtual job fair, with many saying they enjoy the fair and think it’s a great solution. Though there have been some changes to how it can be done, the Chamber of Commerce is going to continue to provide this event. For those who are attending the fair, they should be prepared with a resume in hand to refer to during the interview process. Attendees should dress professionally from the waist up to make a good impression as they would do in person. Attendees will have a face to face conversation in the allotted room and should conduct a typical interview during this time. Attendees should be prepared with questions for the vendors, as attendees are encouraged to really get a feel for the job.

For more information as either a vendor or attendee, people can check out the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, of their website at www.westoftheriverchamber.com.

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Guest Column

What will my wife's benefit be if I die?

By Russell Gloor

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Dear Rusty: I am 76-years-old and began collecting Social Security when I retired at the age of 62. My wife also began collecting when she turned 62 based on my benefits. She did not work enough to qualify on her own for Social Security benefits. My question is, how much will my wife receive after my death? Will she receive what I receive now, or will it be a percentage of the total that we both receive? Or will it be based on just my benefits alone or some other formula? Signed: An Inquisitive Senior

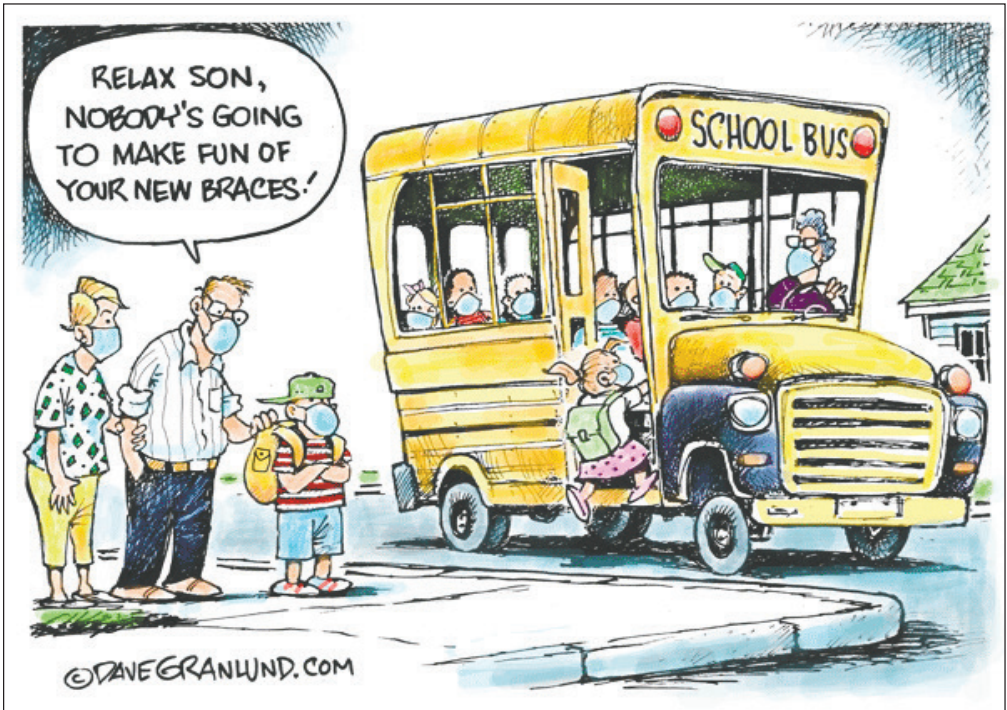
Dear Inquisitive: Your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based upon your Social Security benefit alone. Usually a surviving spouse receives the same amount the deceased spouse was receiving at death, if that is more than the survivor is already receiving, and if the survivor has reached their full retirement age. However, in your case, if you should predecease your wife there's a special rule which may benefit her because you claimed your benefit at age 62.

That rule says that because you claimed before your full retirement age (FRA), your wife's benefit as your survivor should be at least 82.5% of the benefit you were entitled to at your full retirement age (66), even though you actually claimed at age 62. And because your benefit was reduced by 25% when you took it at age 62, your wife's benefit as your widow may actually be more than you are receiving when you pass. This special rule is known as the "widow limit," which stipulates that a surviving spouse is entitled to the greater of what the deceased was receiving while alive, or 82.5% of the deceased's "primary insurance amount" or "PIA," which is the amount due at full retirement age.

Here's an example: If your FRA benefit amount was \$1,500/month, then your age 62 amount when you claimed was \$1,125. But due to the special rule, your wife would get \$1,238 (82.5% of \$1,500) instead of the reduced \$1,125 amount. Of course, this example doesn't reflect the COLA (cost of living) increases which would have been applied to your benefit over the years, but as your widow and because you claimed before your full retirement age, your wife would be entitled to at least 82.5% of your PIA if that is more than the actual amount you were receiving when you passed.

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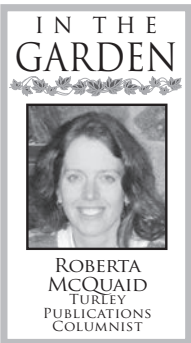
Guest Column

Got larva? I have some answers

A gardener from Hardwick has grown broccoli for years and is accustomed to finding small green worms on her plants. This year, however, her crop went in a month late. Within the last couple of weeks, she's begun to encounter a striped worm on the stalks and even within the heads. "The markings on this caterpillar really stand out! What is it and how can I treat it?"

Sounds to me as if the cross-striped cabbageworm is visiting your broccoli patch. This pest tends to make an appearance late in the season. You are right; the larvae really do stand out, especially on your plate! They are three-quarter of an inch in length and have characteristic black and yellow stripes that run along each side of their body. Young foliage can be riddled with holes and buds can be eaten as well. When mature, the larvae drop from the plant to the soil and pupate in a tight cocoon enmeshed in sand. The adult moth is yellowish brown, with a wingspan of about an inch. Its forewings are marked with brown zig zags while its paler hind wings have five or six spots on them. Eggs are laid in masses on the foliage; when the weather is warm they hatch in less than a week.

The cross-striped cabbageworm as well as other caterpillars that attack broccoli and its relatives can be effectively and safely controlled using one of the Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) products. B.t. is a microbial insecticide that produces protein crystals toxic to some insects but is safe for all mammals, birds and fish. Follow the directions on the package carefully and time your application for when it will be most effective. Caterpillars can also be hand-picked.



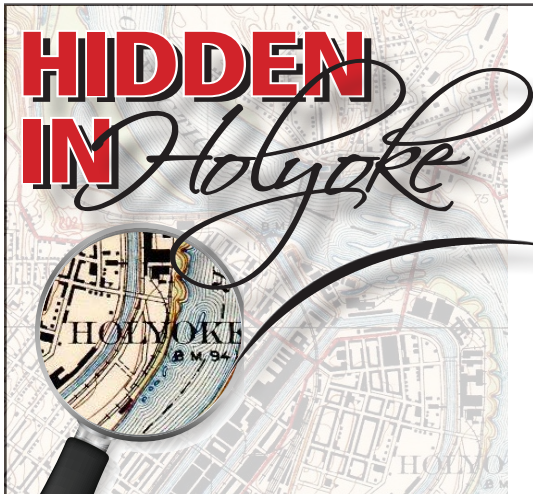
This same gardener was concerned that two branches on her lilac bushes were badly wilted. "I cut the branches back because they looked so terrible. Did I do the right thing? What caused this to happen and what can I do to prevent it from happening again?"

Without actually seeing your lilac bush, it sounds to me like you did the right thing. Read on to learn about the pest I believe to be responsible. Female clear-

wing moths are very destructive, especially considering they only live a week! They lay up to 400 eggs in the nooks and crannies of lilac bark. The resulting larvae go by the name of lilac borers, and just as their name suggests, they bore into branches and cause them to wilt. One telltale sign is frass, a sawdust-like excrement that pours out the entry hole. Borers spend the winter in these tunnels and will exit through a hole just above the first come spring.

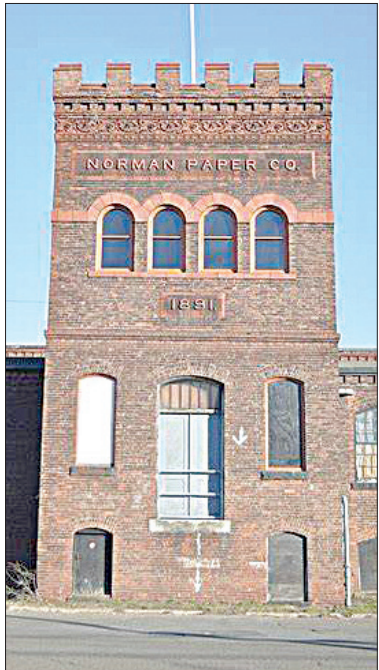
Careful pruning is the first means of control. Cut off the infected branch past the entry hole and destroy it. Then, improve your cultural practices. Water your bushes in times of drought (this year for sure has been droughty), and be careful not to injure them with mowers or weed whackers. Lime regularly to keep pH at an optimal level. Insecticides are used as a last result, and timing is tricky at best.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Each week, *The Holyoke Sun* will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to "Hidden in Holyoke" via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday's edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact *The Holyoke Sun* at 413-283-8398.



Last week's "Hidden in Holyoke" was the Norman Paper Co. building.

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Purple Heart awarded to local veteran

By Shelby Macri
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AGAWAM – The Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Massachusetts organized and attended a ceremony to present the Purple Heart to the family of Master Sergeant Luis F. DeLeon-Figueroa. The U.S. Army Master Sergeant DeLeon-Figueroa, was a killed in action in Afghanistan on Friday, Aug. 21, 2019.

DeLeon-Figueroa was a Chicopee native, and was celebrated last Friday for receiving the Purple Heart. Those in attendance included VFW State Commander Russell Jobe, past State Commander of the VFW Massachusetts Eric Segundo, other Purple heart recipients Dave Brown, John Hurley, and Steve Sawyer. A few attendees spoke about Figueroa and the work he did within the Army, saying he was a dedicated and kindhearted person. Additionally, State Senator John Velis attended the ceremony and said a few words in his honor. The Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of Massachusetts, Brian Willette, lead the ceremony and presented the Purple Heart to the Foster family of Figueroa.

Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart attended the ceremony, including Carole Devine, JoAnn Munier, Barbara Hebert, and Dolly Sawyer, they watched as Figueroa and his family received the Purple Heart after waiting a year. The Military Order of the Purple Heart presented the Purple Heart

to Master Sergeant DeLeon-Figueroa’s family at his gravesite in the Agawam Veterans Cemetery. The Purple Heart is America’s oldest military decoration created by General George Washington for military merit. It was created on August 7, 1782, and is a decoration awarded to members of the military who are wounded or killed in combat caused directly by enemy action.

Master Sergeant DeLeon-Figueroa was honored and remembered during the ceremony, as Mark Hebert played Taps on the bugle, and members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart placed flags and red poppy flowers in remembrance of a fallen brother. While Purple Heart members, recipients, and VFW State Commanders saluted to the remembrance; family members bowed their heads and listened to the song.

Members of DeLeon-Figueroa’s family attended the ceremony, to watch as the Purple Heart was presented to Figueroa’s parents. After the Military Order of the Purple Heart of Massachusetts presented red poppy flowers in remembrance and awarded the Purple Heart, Figueroa’s mother Lisa Campbell said a few words. “Before coming here today I was thinking of the word honor, in the bible and as one of the Commandments it says to honor one’s mother and father.” Campbell said. “He honored us by being a Master Sergeant in the Army. He was so humble; he never told us about all the things he was honored and awarded with. My heart will be purple now, for him.”



Bill Campbell, Ryan Campbell, and Lisa Campbell gather after the Purple Heart Ceremony.



Dignitaries at the event salute the flag.

Photos by Shelby Macri



Steve Sawyer, a Purple Heart recipient of the Vietnam War, places a purple heart flag on the grave of Master Sergeant Luis DeLeon-Figueroa.



State Senator John Velis, and Brian Willette Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of Massachusetts.



VFW State Commander Russell Jobe prepares to speak.



Brian Willette and Eric Segundo fold the American flag.



Attendees to the event watch the flag ceremony.

Off-duty STCC police dispatcher helps to save man’s life

SPRINGFIELD – In her career as an emergency response dispatcher, Quantisha Wilbon has given CPR instructions over the phone but has never needed to perform the life-saving procedure on someone in distress.

But that changed on a Sunday evening, Aug. 16, while she was standing in the checkout line at a grocery store in



Springfield Technical Community College Dispatcher Quantisha Wilbon helped save a man recently by performing CPR on him while she was off duty.

Courtesy photo

Springfield. Wilbon, who was off duty from her job as a communications dispatcher for the Springfield Technical Community College campus police department, briskly walked to the parking lot after she heard someone needed help.

“When I was cashing out, another teller came in and stated they were performing CPR on a gentleman outside, and that’s when I went out to see what was going on and to see what kind of help was needed,” said Wilbon, a lifelong Springfield resident who lives in Indian Orchard.

A bystander was giving chest compressions to a man on the ground. Wilbon stepped in to assist. “It is pretty tiring, so I offered to the gentlemen that if he needed for me to take over, I was available to do that,” Wilbon said.

Wibon could tell the man was in bad shape. She is trained to administer CPR and give instructions on how to perform the procedure. She worked as a communications supervisor for the AMR ambulance service for 17 years before coming to STCC.

“I’ve never been put in that predic-

ament, but I felt the need to act at that time. There were numerous times when I had to give instructions on how to give CPR over the phone but nothing like this has ever happened in person,” she said. “He was bleeding from his head, and he was unresponsive and turning blue.”

Wilbon said her response was automatic, but she felt numb afterward.

“I couldn’t believe I did it, but somebody needed help so automatically I felt the need to go over and assist,” she said.

Wilbon heard that the man was breathing as he was transported to the hospital.

After the ambulance pulled away, Wilbon went to her car to get hand sanitizer, returned to the store to pay for her groceries, and then went home.

“It wasn’t expected, but you’ve got to do what you’ve got to do,” Wilbon said. “To God be the glory I was put in the right place at the right time to be able to assist someone who needed help.”

STCC Police Chief Jose “Joe” Rivera said he is extremely proud of Wilbon and honored to work alongside her at STCC.

“Saving someone’s life is a pub-

lic safety employee’s most solemn duty and is something we train for and expect to do as part of our job,” Rivera said. “Consummate professionals like Dispatcher Wilbon exemplify that we are always on duty and are ready to do our best no matter where we are. She is not only an exceptional employee, but also a caring and compassionate person whose qualities are indicative of our members at STCC Police and the college as a whole.”

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Agreement reached to bring back sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Under a joint plan from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, there will be a high school sports season this school year.

In fact, there will be four.

The MIAA Board of Directors agreed to add a fourth “floating” or “bubble” season that could encompass sports that are not able to be played during the fall or winter seasons. The floating season is supposed to take place mainly during March 2021, and will feature football as the most prominent sport being played during that time.

However, under the official vote, the final dates for the final three seasons will be determined at a later date by the MIAA.

The fall season will begin on Sept. 18. The MIAA had at first, postponed the fall preseason to Sept. 14, but when school was postponed, the MIAA wanted to allow school to begin before allowing extracurricular activities.

Under the proposal, golf, cross country, field hockey, gymnastics, girls volleyball, and soccer will be allowed to play and have full contests under special guidelines that would take into account safe practices, social distancing and limited contact.

Football, at this time, would involve too much contact and this the sport will be limited to just practice only, along with cheerleading, and unified basketball, a sport that recently began playing in the fall season.

The winter season would consist currently of the typical winter sports offered, like swimming, basketball, hockey, wrestling, and indoor track. However, if the pandemic continues to dictate restrictions,

it’s possible the higher contact sports, like basketball and hockey, could either be postponed or pushed to the floating season.

The EEA, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, is currently issuing the guidance for the various sports. The sports that are deemed a more moderate risk, will have make changes to the way games are played in order to be allowed to play.

Most of the changes are made in order to help with social distancing or to significantly limit contact.

The most adversely affected sport could be soccer, as contact is close and while not as direct as football, does involve a moderate level of contact where two or three people are close to one another.

Another group that could be playing sports in the floating season are schools that do not participate in fall or winter sports due to their individual district going with remote learning. School Committees will have to vote on whether their high schools will be allowed to participate in interscholastic sports while they are in full remote learning. Holyoke, Springfield, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow are among the districts that have voted to go fully remote in Western Massachusetts.

Other schools that stand to risk losing seasons are those classified in the red category under the governor’s risk map for COVID. Right now, South Hadley is the only Western Massachusetts town currently in the red category. Holyoke and Granby were previously in the red, but were removed from that designation last Wednesday.

The MIAA plans to keep a close watch on data and frequently evaluate the situation, including if and when a vaccine is made available for COVID-19, allowing sports play to resume normally.

YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC



Holyoke City Councilor and former HCC baseball coach Terry Murphy has been hosting baseball clinics for area youth for the past few weeks. Unlike his normal summer league, there are no games being played due to the current restrictions during the pandemic, but clinics have been allowed to take place. Murphy said he wanted to give kids the opportunity to stay in shape and work on skills while games are not able to be played. His clinics drew more than 30 kids from all over the region and he said he has been asked to extend the clinics into September.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Basketball Hall of Fame to have first colorized minted coins

SPRINGFIELD – In August 2020, the U.S. Mint releases its first colorized coins as part of the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program. The program recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame with curved coins in gold, silver, and clad. A limited number of silver proof and clad uncirculated coins are colorized on the reverse side. The silver coin features a colored net, rim, and channels on the basketball. The clad coin colorizes the entire basketball as well as the net and rim.

Colorizing coins appeared in the

early 1990s by nations such as Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, and Palau. Now many countries around the world make colorized coins. Canada and Australia are large producers of these coins and develop many innovative techniques for applying color. The Royal Canadian Mint was the first to produce a colorized circulating coin, the 25-cent coin, in 2004.

Coins are colorized by methods such as applying a “sticker” to the surface, adding ink or paint through a computerized “printing” process, or enameling by filling recessed areas with paint. The

U.S. Mint used a third-party to colorize the Basketball commemorative coins using an automated process.

The Basketball Hall of Fame Colorized Silver Coin features a white net, dark orange rim, and black channels on the basketball. Channels are the seams that go around the ball. Limiting the color on the ball to the channels retains the look of the silver and texture of the basketball.

The clad colorized coin features an orange basketball with black channels, white net, and dark orange rim. Applying color to the whole basketball enhances

the curvature of the coin and gives it a three-dimensional effect. The colors of the net and rim enhance the effect. The orange color of the basketball matches the hue associated with the sport.

In addition to the colorized silver and clad coins, the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program includes gold, silver, and clad coins without color in proof and uncirculated finishes. All the coins in the program share the same obverse and reverse designs that celebrate the sport of basketball and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

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MIAA signs multi-year partnership with the Power Ad Company

The Power Ad Company has been

“The Power Ad Company is excited to partner with the MIAA,” said Jennifer Westerfield, Owner and Senior Vice President of the Power Ad Company. “We are looking forward to helping schools reopen in a way that will not only go the extra mile to protect their students and staff, but will also save the school districts a lot of money by using a product (BioShield®75) that will kill microbes up to 90 days in a single application.”

Pioneers announce tryouts for upcoming season

This registration session will allow you to complete contact information, and sign up for participation. Please read

To ensure we can create the safest environment for your player due to COVID19 precautions, we are still working on exact dates and times to conduct tryouts for the 2020-2021 season. Players may be invited to smaller training sessions and/or limited attendance tryout venues. You will be notified with options via email.

Bay State games launches 32nd year of Future Leaders Scholarship

“Bay State Games is proud to provide valuable college scholarships to student-athletes representing high schools and communities from across Massachusetts,” said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. “While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our traditional spring timeframe for

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from our students, teachers, staff, and families. We will monitor health metrics throughout the year to help us make decisions about whether and when to bring more students back to school.

In response to family, student, staff, and community feedback and due to the current health environment in Holyoke, the majority of HPS students will start the school year remotely. In order to ensure that the students who need the most get the most, we have selected K-12 students for whom in-person instruction is most essential, and their families will have the option to choose in-person or fully remote learning. This group of students includes Career and Vocational Technical Education (Dean Campus) students, students with disabilities in substantially separate classrooms, and English Learners defined as Newcomers. Newcomers are students who have newly arrived (two years or less) to the mainland U.S. or are new to English dominant instruction. Throughout the year, we will consider adding students for whom remote learning is less conducive. Families of selected students will be contacted by August 24 and we strongly encourage them to consider in-person learning.

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Once you have the code, you can apply at www.InternetEssentials.com (instructions here) or call 855-846-8376 to set up an account directly with Comcast.

Please note that families are not eligible to participate in the program if they already have internet access through Comcast. Families who signed up for this program in the spring will have their service continued.

Families can take advantage of the following through the Internet Essentials sponsorship program:

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- Includes In-Home Wifi and access to 40 1-hour sessions of Xfinity Wifi hotspots outside the home every 30 days
- It is important to note that families must cancel the service after 6/30/2021 if

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to confirm a specific venue’s hours of operation or visit Holyoke Mall’s online directory here.

Select stores will also offer extended hours of operation during the Sales Tax Holiday weekend, August 29th & 30th. A listing of these stores can be found at

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has also been a legislative aide in Boston.

Duffy served as the aide to Vega six years. While she was not a politician herself, she has helped deal with numerous

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cent online) that can be completed in only two semesters. The MSA program offers students flexibility and affordability to achieve a greater degree of sophistication in accounting and auditing.

Information session attendees will

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We learned a lot from our remote learning efforts in Spring 2020. With more time to prepare and clear guidance from DESE, remote learning for SY20-21 will look much different. In particular, we would like to highlight:

- All students, teachers, paraprofessionals and instructional staff will have their own device. The Internet will be provided to students who need it.
- Students will follow a daily synchronous (live) learning schedule with Holyoke teachers and staff that will closely mirror traditional class schedules. The majority of students’ time will be spent with educators and will include a combination of direct teacher instruction, student collaboration time, and independent student work time while the teacher confers with individual students.
- The district will use Google Classroom in all grades as the learning management systems (LMS). (This is a change from previous guidance, when we thought Seesaw would be the LMS for grades PreK-2.) Zoom is the video conferencing platform for live classes.
- Advisory Groups (PreK-8) and Learning Squads (9-12) will promote high student engagement and provide individualized support.
- Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up at many locations three

they do not want to be billed. The cancellation is not automatic.

- Low-Cost Computer. Customers can purchase a low-cost computer for \$149.99+ tax
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- Digital Literacy Training. Families have access to free internet training available online, in-person, and in-print to better understand the internet and the many ways it can benefit you

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constituent issues during her time working with Vega. She has been a part of the Nueva Esperanza board.

Bartley is a practicing attorney for more than 15 years and has been a city councilor for the passed 10 years. He has also worked in the state auditor’s office.

have an opportunity to speak with faculty and members of the Outreach Team about the program and its application process. The \$50 application fee will be waived for all attendees. To RSVP, visit www.GoBackNow.com. For more information, call 413-572-8020 or email wsucgce@westfield.ma.edu.

tion, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadviser@amacfoundation.org.

Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor at AMAC.

times per week.

As previously mentioned, select students will attend school in-person for some of the week during the first term and beyond. Staff who are teaching students in remote learning may also choose to teach from their classroom. In order to keep students and staff as safe as possible, HPS will implement a detailed plan which includes:

- A personal responsibility pledge l En Español (PDF) to stay home when ill and follow all other precautions, required of each student, family and staff member.
- Masks required for all staff and students in grades PreK-12, unless prevented due to a medical condition or behavior concern. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff members, especially those who work with the most vulnerable students.
- Social distancing in classrooms of at least 6-feet and smaller groups of students in each classroom.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures, including cleaning high-touch surfaces multiple times a day, regular cleaning daily and deep cleaning between cohorts of students.
- Proper ventilation and classes outdoors at the discretion of teachers to promote fresh air.
- Staff training on new safety and

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metrics.” Gonsalves said. “The COVID pandemic is serious and continues to affect our community. My recommendations to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 are to follow the guidance that has already been issued.”

There are five items on the standard guidance include: Washing your hands frequently and using hand sanitizer, wearing masks even around family. Not including those who you share a house with, but those who you visit in another household, or when gathering outside. It’s recommended to not let your guard down and be slack at family gatherings, as other members come into contact with other people.

Residents should reduce the amount of time that they are in busy stores and other businesses, try to plan your trip ahead of time rather than go spontaneously. People are encouraged to con-

health procedures.

- Extremely restricted access to all buildings by non-HPS employees.
- Quick access to COVID-19 testing through local testing sites.
- Contact tracing to quickly inform students, families, and staff if possible exposure to COVID-19 has occurred.

School will begin for students in grades 1-12 on Monday, September 14, and for students in grades PreK and Kindergarten on Monday, September 21. The revised SY20-21 calendar is available on our website. We will have a staggered start for in-person learning for select students.

In particular, we want to thank our teachers, nurses, and other school-based staff who are on the front lines educating and supporting our students. I look forward to working with all of you to revise our plan based on public health data and stakeholder feedback to best meet the needs of our students, family and staff. The physical health, mental health, and safety of our students and staff is our top priority.

This year ahead will undoubtedly be a challenging one for us all. However, we are HPS strong! I am confident that together we will respond to these challenges with flexibility, patience, grace, and commitment.

sider sites like Amazon, Peapod, and other delivery services to reduce time in a large facility amongst other people. People are encouraged to get the flu vaccine as the flu season is approaching, and flu symptoms will be difficult to differentiate from COVID symptoms.

Getting sick with the flu can weaken one’s immune system and make them more susceptible to contract COVID. People should also get tested for COVID, whether you think you have been exposed or if you feel symptomatic. Gonsalves explained that free testing will be available in the city in coming weeks. In order to remain in the yellow designation and to further reduce cases to enter a low-risk category, citizens should stay vigilant in following the health and safety guidelines. Residents should also continue to wear masks when leaving your home, use sanitizers, sanitize and disinfect high-touch objects and areas.



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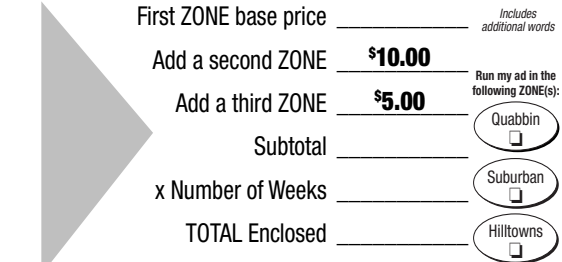
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Applicant: Alaska Assets LLC, 16027 Chalfont Place, Dallas, TX 75248
Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Due to the declared public health emergency, the meeting will be held via zoom.us
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8/28, 9/04/2020
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Docket No. HD20C0104CA
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Date: August 18, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
8/27/2020
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DEPARTMENT
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Neal chided Morse for his attack of the CARES act, saying it brought millions of dollars to Western Massachusetts and saved many jobs, including jobs right Morse’s home city of Holyoke. He said Morse would have been one of only five legislators to oppose the act. Morse said the CARES act did not go far enough.

Morse attacked Neal’s opposition of the Green New Deal, an aggressive environmental act proposed by some Democratic House members. Morse claimed Neal is opposed to the Green New Deal because Neal’s campaign is heavily supported by fossil fuel companies. Neal countered Morse’s assertions saying he supported reducing the carbon footprint, but did not believe the Green New Deal would work in its current form.

Questions surrounded economy, response to the coronavirus pandemic, and the ongoing controversy at the Holyoke Soldiers Home.

Morse frequently attacked Neal’s lack of presence in the First Congressional District of Massachusetts, while Neal attacked Morse’s lack of presence right in Holyoke. He referenced the number of school committee meetings missed while the state took over the schools, and that he was invited to be part of conference calls regarding the Soldiers Home, but Morse would either miss, or “drop out early” from the calls.

Morse said he believes a fresh face to change how politics in Washington is needed.

The two candidates will square off in the Sept. 1 primary. The First Congressional District in Massachusetts is the largest district geographically in the state, and includes most Western Massachusetts towns and cities. Please check with your local town or city clerk for early voting, mail-in voting, and in-person voting options.

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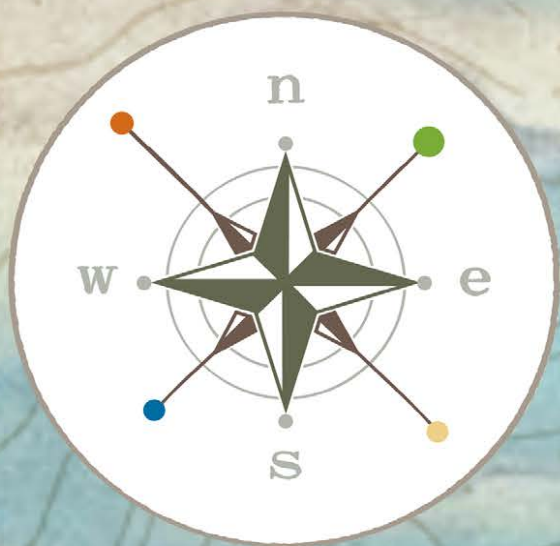
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